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TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Closed Washington	Person Identified:
INVESTIGATION MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	PERIOD COVERED: 4/2/64 4/6/64	Name : Josephine Patricia Kelly
INVESTIGATION MADE BY: Special Agent John H. Grimes, Jr.		Address: 1029-103 St. Francis Hotel San Francisco, Calif.

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Passport file of subject has been reviewed and copies of various documents contained therein have been obtained. Subject continues to allege in these documents that she is the daughter of the late Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., and claims date and place of birth as 3/25/35 at Hull, Massachusetts. Subject admittedly obtained a passport in 1948 under the name of Lydia Lewis at which time she used birth documents of the daughter of her foster mother.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to prior reports submitted in this investigation and in particular to my memorandum report dated April 1, 1964. Inspector Peterson telephonically communicated on April 2, 1964, with ASAIC Henry W. Cohen, Washington, and directed that the passport file of subject be reviewed.

The passport file of Josephine Patricia Kelly was reviewed April 2, 1964, in the office of Mr. Robert D. Johnson, Passport Division, 2135 State Department Extension, and reflected that the file contained a three page memorandum from John L. King, Passport Division, Los Angeles, dated March 25, 1964.

The memorandum indicated that subject advised Mr. King on March 24, 1964, that she had moved from her Palm Springs address to that appearing in the caption of this report. She requested that she be contacted collect at EX 7-7000 if there was going to

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be a delay in the issuance of her passport. At the time of the phone call, subject advised Mr. King that she was forwarding affidavits to him concerning her use of the surname Kennedy and papers regarding her work with the Army in 1962 at which time she was using the name Josephine Patricia Kennedy.

Mr. King also requested that subject secure and furnish copy of her 1954 marriage license which would presumably show her maiden name. Subject confessed to Mr. King, although she stated she probably should not, that she had secured a passport in 1948 when she went abroad to study music (she claims to be an opera singer) and said that at the time she had used the name and birth documents of Lydia Lewis, the daughter of her foster mother. Subject claimed that she and the foster mother's daughter were the same approximate age and that the daughter had disappeared. Subject claimed that while abroad, although only 13 years old, she married her manager whose surname was Frostini, and claimed she had done this so that it would look better inasmuch as they were travelling together. She claimed the marriage was later dissolved because it had never been a real one in the full sense of the word.

Mr. King indicated in his memorandum that from this answer he had the impression that subject had not on the occasion of her 1954 marriage been using the name of Josephine Patricia Kennedy.

Mr. King indicated that he had also requested subject to secure a letter, not a telegram, from the City Registrar at Hull, Massachusetts, stating that a search had been made for subject's birth record, not only in the name of Kennedy but also in the names of her mother's two surnames, O'Neill and Norstad, as shown on her baptismal certificate. Subject indicated she would take this action.

Mr. King indicated in a memorandum that he had carefully checked the current passport application of subject's present husband which had been cleared under LW 47-6 in the name of Carlton J. Powers, formerly known as Giovanni Millo and John Hamill. The application indicated that subject's husband had

been issued passport number 123 at Milan, Italy, on June 3, 1954, in the name of John Hamil and that he had had his name amended to Giovanni Millo. Subject indicated on her passport application that she married Mr. Powers March 15, 1954, presumably in the United States.

Mr. King's memorandum indicated that it appeared to him Mr. Powers might have been in Italy at the time subject claimed she married him in March 1954. This would indicate that if subject had married in Italy she must have had a passport subsequent to the one issued in 1948.

Mr. King suggested checking Mr. Powers' 1959 passport application concerning his marriage to subject. This passport was issued in the name of Giovanni Millo and was numbered 1765169.

The only proof of birth submitted with subject's current application for passport was an affidavit executed by her foster mother, Raye Irene Rosensweig, which had been executed in 1964. A thermo-fax copy of an affidavit executed in May 1963 also signed by Mrs. Rosensweig, offered additional information as to subject's possible origin. Subject claimed she had had great difficulty in attempting to establish her identity as the daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., and her birth in the United States.

The subject, when requested to obtain early school records, claimed she did not attend public school and that John Fitzgerald had provided her with a governess whose name was Alice Webb. Subject claimed this woman had attempted to blackmail her in 1961 and she did not wish to contact her for any reason.

She claimed she had been baptized while an infant in the Catholic Church and that her father had given her the baptismal certificate together with other papers which she had attached to the back of his photograph. She claimed she no longer had these papers because two men came to her home, took the photograph and papers and left shortly after her father had been killed. Subject contended she had made efforts to obtain another baptismal certificate since that time but had been told there was no record of her baptism. She claimed that she has likewise been told there is no birth certificate on file.

Subject advised Mr. King that the Secret Service had become involved because of her attempts to contact the Kennedy family and had been asked to investigate. She told him she felt they had made an honest attempt to run down her claim of being a member of the family but that they told her they could find nothing. She advised Mr. King that the Secret Service undoubtedly had a large file on her.

Subject claimed she wanted no money from the family but had wired Melvin Belli to clarify and establish her identity. She felt that it was unfair not to be given the right to be acknowledged as the daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., but that she was aware it was necessary to establish the fact that she had been born in the United States. She said she realized she had very little evidence of this fact.

The subject's foster mother, Raye Irene Rosensweig, born October 23, 1900, in Russia, is a current applicant for a passport and must have been a party to the application for the passport taken out for or by the subject in 1948. Mrs. Rosensweig was married at that time to Harry Buckner Lewis. In 1950 she showed that she was married to Jack Gholstin and in 1962 to Max Rosensweig.

Mrs. Rosensweig's passport application indicates that she expects to travel with subject. Subject's husband, who is also a current applicant for a passport, is being held in abeyance pending receipt of name change affidavits from him.

Mrs. Rosensweig's application for passport will be tagged after issue for the attention of the Field Services Branch.

The subject's current application for passport was executed before the Clerk of Superior Court for Riverside County, California, on March 19, 1964, and lists her address as 3867 Sunny Dunes Road, Palm Springs, California. The application reflects subject was born July 25, 1935, at Hull, Massachusetts, and describes her as a Caucasian female, 5' 7" tall, hazel eyes, auburn hair, and an opera singer by occupation.

Subject listed her father as Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., born at Hull, Massachusetts, on July 25, 1915, and her mother as O'Neill, also known as Norstad, with no first name being furnished, born in Stockholm, Sweden. The application reflected that subject was last married in a church ceremony on March 17, 1964, to Carlton J. Powers, also known as John Patrick Hamill, born March 4, 1916, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The civil marriage ceremony to her husband occurred March 15, 1954. Subject indicates she plans to depart from New York sometime between April 10 and 15, 1964, and it is her intention to study in Italy, France, Germany, and Ireland. She anticipates departure by surface vessel and expects to return by air. She anticipates being abroad between six months and one year and indicated she expected to travel abroad again within the next five years. The person to be notified in the event of accident or emergency was indicated as Mrs. Raye Rosensweig, foster mother, 3867 Sunny Dunes Road, Palm Springs, California.

A conditional baptismal certificate showing the subject's father as Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., and her mother as Anna Jane O'Neil, was attached to the passport application. This certificate showed subject had been born March 25, 1935, at Hull, Massachusetts. The certificate, signed by Reverend J. Keleghan, was issued March 17, 1964, at the Church of Saint Theresa, Palm Springs, California. Subject had been sponsored for baptism by Connie Theresa Volpe.

Also attached to the passport application was an affidavit executed May 31, 1963, by Raye Rosensweig, mother and guardian which stated:

> I have known Josephine Patricia Kennedy since her babyhood (1940).
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> Josephine Patricia Kennedy was born in Hull, Massachusetts on the 25th day of July 1935. There was never a legal adoption drawn up. She just came to live with me.
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> I have been solely responsible for Josephine Patricia Kennedy, both morally and financially, since 1944.

I was told by her father, Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., in 1940 that there was no birth certificate registered for the child. He gave me a piece of paper which he had made out in duplicate on which it was stated that he was the child's father, and that the child had been baptized a Roman Catholic. There was no mother's name, and the priest who signed it at the bottom had a name which began with "S." The other copy of this paper was in the hands of Mr. John F. Fitzgerald of Boston. He gave this paper to Josephine when she was older, and this and other documentation and correspondence were stolen from her in 1952. She has repeatedly tried to obtain copies and to no avail.

I will therefore attest to the fact that this child was born July 25, 1935, and in Hull, Massachusetts.

In 1954 she married John Patrick (Kelly) Hamill, also known as Giovanni Millo, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Raye Rosensweig executed an affidavit on March 19, 1964, as follows before Dorotha M. McCarver, a notary public for Riverside County, California.

That I have known Josephine Patricia Kennedy, hereinafter referred to as Josephine, since her babyhood (1940).

That Josephine was born in Hull, Massachusetts, the 25th day of July, 1935;

That Josephine came to live in my home on a temporary basis in 1942 and on a permanent basis after the death of her father in 1944.

That Josephine is the daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., whom I first met in 1940.

That Josephine's father, Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., a Lieutenant in the Naval Air Corps, was killed in Europe in 1944.

That since 1944 I have been morally and financially responsible for Josephine Patricia Kennedy up until the time of her marriage in 1954.

Papers concerning the identity of Josephine Patricia Kennedy were given me by her father in 1942. Copies of these papers were in the possession of Hon. John F. Fitzgerald of Boston, Massachusetts.

The passport file of subject contained numerous other documents including application by her former husband and former applications for passports of the subject. Mr. Johnson prepared copies of the various documents contained in the passport file and furnished them to me on April 3, 1964. These documents have been surrendered to the Protective Research Section.

The passport file concerns subject of instant investigation but does not relate to the individual from the New York area previously investigated by this Service under similar circumstances.

DISPOSITION

Investigation is considered closed at Washington, D. C.

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